



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5516

February Session, 2012

* ____HB05516PH____032612____ *

AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION DRUG ADMINISTRATION IN NURSING HOME FACILITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) A medical director of a
2 nursing home facility, as defined in section 19a-521 of the general
3 statutes, may establish protocols for a prescription drug formulary
4 system in accordance with guidelines established by the American
5 Society of Health-System Pharmacists and any applicable collaborative
6 drug therapy management agreement, as described in section 20-631 of
7 the general statutes. The medical director of a nursing home facility
8 that implements a prescription drug formulary system may make a
9 substitution for a drug prescribed to a patient of the facility in
10 accordance with the provisions of this section. Prior to making any
11 substitution for a drug prescribed to a patient of the facility in
12 accordance with the facility's protocols, the medical director, or the
13 medical director's designee, shall notify the prescribing physician of
14 the medical director's intention to make such substitution. If the
15 prescribing physician does not authorize the medical director or the
16 medical director's designee to make such substitution or objects to
17 such substitution, the medical director, or the medical director's
18 designee, shall not make the substitution. Notwithstanding the
19 provisions of this section, the facility's administration of prescription
20 drugs to a patient who receives benefits under a medical assistance

21 program administered by the Department of Social Services shall be in
22 accordance with the department's preferred drug lists, developed in
23 accordance with section 17b-274d of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2012	New section
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In the third sentence of section 1, "medical director or the director's designee" was changed to "medical director or the medical director's designee" for consistency.

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO*